(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the least width required for a road to enable two buses running in opposite directions to pass each other; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any steps for improving the condition of the Muvattupuzha-Todupuzha road after the 2nd Makaram 1105?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The road at the place of accident was only 11 feet wide but the accident took place at the 4th furlong of the 9th mile and not at the 6th furlong.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer says that an extract from the judgment in Sessions case No. 3 on 1107 on the file of the Parur Sessions Court was forwarded to him by the Commissioner of Police and that the latter also suggested the desirability of widening the portion of the road where the accident took place.

(2) (*a*) 15 feet.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer reports that the site has since been widened and that the top width is now 18 feet.

The Periyar Dam.

175. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Periyar Dam was constructed;

(*b*) whether there was any guarantee as to its stability;

(*c*) if there was one, for how many years it was guaranteed; and

(*d*) whether any arrangement is made for testing its stability from time to time?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In the year 1895.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Periyar Dam is a gravity dam; and provided there is no physical change in the materials of its construction or in its foundations, the Dam should remain stable for ever.

(*d*) It is known that the Madras Government have the question of its stability under active observation and have only recently carried out extensive grouting operations to replace with Portland cement the lime contents of the mortar in the Dam which may have been washed out by leakage since the date of its construction.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): With regard to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether our Government has anything to do with the inspection of the dam?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): This Government has nothing to do with the inspection of of the dam except writing to the British Government.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Have we no right even to inspect the condition of the dam?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No, we have no right.

Report on the loss of a Sanskrit grandham from the office of the Curator for the publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

176. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of question No. 329, published at page 1034 of Vol. XV of the *Council Proceedings, viz.*, "the Curator has not submitted a report even though he was asked to submit one on the 6th June 1928", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether he has since submitted a report; and

(*b*) if he has, whether they will lay it on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഈ റിപ്പോർട്ട് എന്നാണ് കിട്ടിയത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഫൻസ്മ സെപ്റ്റംബർ മ 8-ാംന-യാണ്.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഫൻമവ ജൂൺ ന-ാംന-യാണ് റിപ്പോർട്ടയക്കണമെന്ന അഭ്യർത്ഥനയോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതെ, ഫൻസ്മ സെപ്റ്റംബർ മ 8-ാംന-യാണ് റിപ്പോർട്ട് വന്നത്.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഈ കാലതാമസം വരാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): കുറെ എൻകയറി നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ട ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ചില മാനസ്ക്രിപ്ട്സ് കളഞ്ഞുപോയി എന്നു പറയുന്നു. ആ മാനസ്ക്രിപ്ട്സിന്റെ നേച്ചർ എന്താണ്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): രജിസ്റ്റർ ബുക്കിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ രണ്ടു മൂന്നു മാനസ്ക്രിപ്ട്സ് അതിന്റെ ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർക്കു തിരിയെ അയച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി തെളിവുകളൊന്നും കാണുന്നില്ല.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പലരുടെയും അടുക്കൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതാണോ കളഞ്ഞുപോയത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ചിലതു് അങ്ങനെയുള്ളവയാണ്.

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